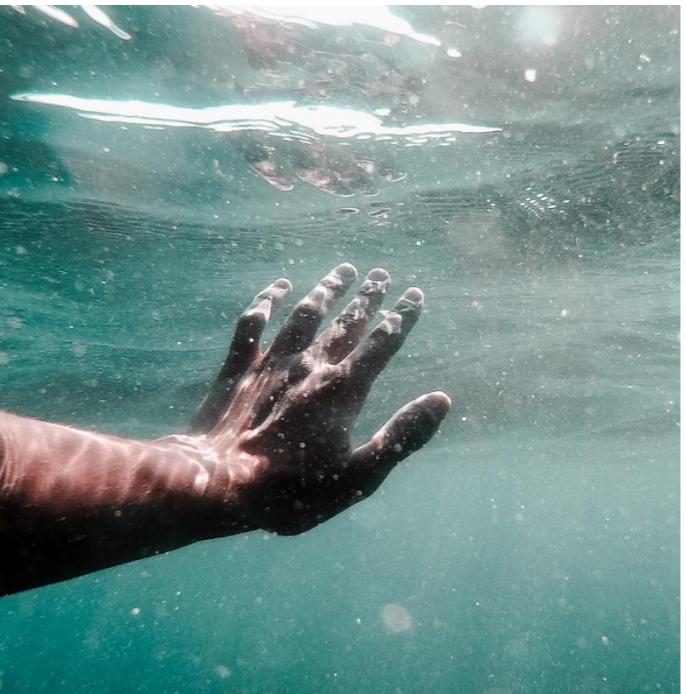


Ouch!

"I'll give till it hurts," said a parishioner to his parish priest, "but you need to know I'm terribly sensitive to pain."

Too frequently, an anonymous gift to the church is a donation by someone who hopes everyone will find out without his telling them.

If you want to know about the troubles the church is having, ask someone who hasn't been there for months.



Holy Baptism
is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from original sin and re-born as adopted sons and daughters of God. We become members of Christ, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9). Baptism is aptly called by the Church, the Sacrament of Regeneration through water and the word.

(*Catechism of the catholic church n.1213*)

Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.

O Mother of God, who gave them your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need.

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on them. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Amen

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

18 January 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

R/ Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1.I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. R/

2.You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. R/

3.In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. R/

4.Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. R/

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.



Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

1 John 4:16

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
Parish Secretary—Bernadette Hickey
(Office hours—Tuesday 8-3pm & Thursday 8-5pm)



Our Parish respectfully acknowledges the Gadigal people of Eora nation as traditional caretakers of the land.

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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses No mid-week Masses till Fri 13 Feb 1:50pm + see notices

Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese)

Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)

Confessions Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or by appointment

Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am

Adoration & Benediction Baptisms (2nd & 4th Sundays) By appointment—about 1 month's notice required

Marriages By appointment—about 6 months' notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 3/4 to 10/11 January 2026

1st collection

\$60

(supports the priest's expenses)

2nd collection

\$80

(for running of parish)

Envelopes

\$80

(part of 2nd collection)

Candle offerings

\$

(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Ivan Jilwan & Norma & Mauna Alam, Jilwan & Alam families, Simone Lizarraga (death anniversary).

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. (Archdiocesan permanent notice) *Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.*

Lord Jesus, Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all, especially the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care. We also pray for those who have been harmed. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen

Monsignor Greg Flynn will supply Mass for the next 4 weekends. Please welcome him to the parish.

Fr Chris' Jan/Feb Roster

Holidays Tues 13 Jan – Wed 11 Feb *There will be no mid-week Masses from Fri 2 Jan – Thurs 12 Feb.*
Mons Flynn will supply Confessions & Mass on all weekend Masses of 17 Jan – 8 Feb 2026.
Back in parish Thurs 12 Feb (Whole school Mass Fri 13 Feb 1:50pm – all welcome)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2026 Information Evening: Wednesday 25 February at 6pm, St Pius V School Library, Enmore. **Date for reception of Sacrament:** Saturday 21 March at 1pm, St Pius V Church, Enmore

Adoremus at St Benedict's, Broadway You are invited to join us for an evening of adoration, formation, vespers, and fellowship. **Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm** at St Benedict's Church, Broadway. Everyone is welcome.

Caritas Australia: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas. This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to “be a light in the darkness” for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>

Christopher West's Theology of the Body: Head and Heart Immersion Course From 18–23 January 2026, world-renowned speaker Christopher West will lead the TOB 1:. This 5-day experience includes daily Mass, Adoration, and 30 hours of engaging teaching. Places are limited. **DETAILS:** Date: Sunday 18 January - Friday 23 January 2026 Time: 3 pm Sunday to 1 pm Friday Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, NSW Who: Adults only event (18+) For more information and to register, visit <https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-1-immersion-course/> For enquiries, contact TOBI@sydneycatholic.org.

Sapienta - Dominican Retreat Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from **13-15 February 2026**. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship. Places limited. Fee: \$300 per person. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

Seminary of the Good Shepherd Open Day February 22 2026, 8:30am – 3:00pm, 50-58 Abbotsofrd Rd, Homebush | Registration essential: www.sydneyvocations.org See flyers back of church.

Everlasting Love Marriage Preparation Courses 2026 'Everlasting Love' is a marriage preparation course that gives special emphasis to the sacramental, spiritual, and relational dimensions of marriage. Couples are only required to attend one session. So when booking, book only one session that suits you. Session dates and locations are as follows: - **Session 1: Friday 13 – Saturday 14 February 2026** - St Catherine Laboure Parish Gymea - **Session 2: Friday 5 – Saturday 6 June 2026** - St Joachim's Parish Lidcombe - **Session 3: Friday 20 – Saturday 21 November 2026** - St Joseph's Parish Moorebank *Please note that the course is split across 2 days (no overnight stay). Day 1 takes place on Friday evening from 6pm to 10pm. Day 2 begins at 9am and ends at 5pm. Cost: \$350.00 per couple To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DGPMC>

Finding Solace and Support with Heartfelt In times of grief, finding a compassionate and understanding community can make all the difference. Heartfelt is based on Catholic teachings and offers online gatherings, support groups, and events, accessible to anyone navigating their grief journey. For more information, visit <https://heartfelt.community>

Catholic Bushwalking Club The Catholic Bushwalking Club holds at least one walk each weekend, with other activities including abseiling, cross-country skiing, caving, canyoning and cycling. For more information, go to www.cbcnsw.org.au or phone Robert on 0478919427.

Are you looking for a trusted Catholic person to work in your home? Teddy comes highly recommended by the Catholic Immigration Office. She provides cleaning, domestic duties and in-home support to the elderly and disabled. She is an NDIS provider. Please contact her directly if you are looking for trusted workers. M: +61 417 569 757 E: nakalembeteddy1983@gmail.com